

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The Citizen Advocacy Program was established August 4, 1980, to develop the concept of citizen advocacy to assist persons with developmental disabilities in South Dakota, regardless of race, sex, religion or national origin; and,

WHEREAS, 1990 is the ten-year anniversary of the Citizen Advocacy Program; and,

WHEREAS, The Citizen Advocacy Program is an integral component of South Dakota Advocacy Services, Inc., the statewide protection and advocacy system for persons with developmental disabilities, mental illness and persons eligible for vocational rehabilitational services; and,

WHEREAS, Nine citizen advocacy sites have been established in South Dakota located at Aberdeen, Vermillion, Pierre, Huron, Yankton, Spearfish, Madison, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls; and,

WHEREAS, The Citizen Advocacy Program has been extremely successful and instrumental in bringing together volunteer citizen advocates and persons with developmental disabilities in meaningful one-to-one relationships; and,

WHEREAS, Volunteer citizen advocates throughout South Dakota have been addressing problems facing persons with developmental disabilities including limited personal support systems, inadequate experiences in problem solving, and insufficient opportunities for community integration; and,

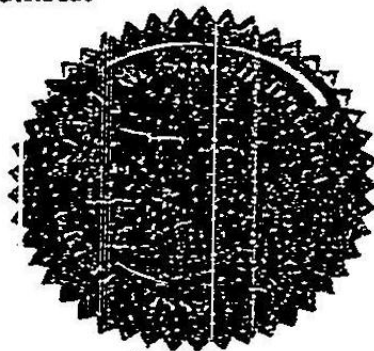
WHEREAS, The Citizen Advocacy Program complements, supplements and supports existing professional agencies of the developmental disability service delivery system; and,

WHEREAS, The Citizen Advocacy Program seeks to educate and increase awareness about the needs and rights of persons with developmental disabilities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 11 through 17, 1990, as

CITIZEN ADVOCACY PROGRAM WEEK

in South Dakota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Third Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety


GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE